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## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names; we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought of the invention entitled:

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the specification of which,

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto;  
X was filed on May 27, 2003 as International Application Ser. No. PCT/EP03/05545  
and is amended herewith on Nov. 24, 2004, under Serial No. 10/522,608.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by us to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority  
Claimed:

<u>102 24 236.4</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>29 May 2002</u>	<u>X</u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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(Application Number) (Filing Date)

We hereby appoint attorney Robert W. Becker, Reg. No. 26,255, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all telephone calls to (505) 286-3511. Address all correspondence to ROBERT W. BECKER & ASSOCIATES, 707 Highway 66 East, Suite B, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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